

West-Rid. 7th
Com.Ebor.

*Ad General Quarterial Session pacis Domini Regis & Domina Regina tenet apud Skipton per Adjourn in & pro
le West-Rid.Com.præd.decimo Quarto die Augusti Anno Regni Domini & Domina Wilhelmi & Maria Dei gra
Angl' Scot' Franc' & Hiber' Regis & Regina Fidei Defensor' &c. Sexto Ac per adjourn apud Leeds decimo Sexto
die Augusti præd' ac per Adjourn apud Rotherham Viceſimo primo die Augusti præd. Coram Honorabili Henrico
Fairfax Armiger' Johanne Kay, Lyon Pilkinton, Georgio Cook, Baronet' : Wilhelmo Lowther, Michi
Wentworth, Miles : Jaspero Blythman, Cyril Arthington, Richardo Shuttleworth; Christophoro Adams,
Thoma Kirke, Thoma Faukes, Godfrido Bosville, Henrico Currer, Roberto Ferrand, Thoma Lister, Jo
hanna Townley, Gervasio Netille, Johanne Warner, Richardo Nettleton, Johanne Stanhope, Johanne
Bradshaw, Nono Parker, Armiger' & aliis Sociis sub Justic' decore Domini Regis & Domina Regina ad Pat
in & pro le West-Ryd.Com' præd. conſervand' Assignat; &c.*

WHEREAS the holy keeping of the Lords-Day is a principal part of the true Service of God; which in many Places of this Ryding hath been, and yet is, profaned and neglected; and whereas the too common practices of Curſing and Swearing, of Drinking to Exceſs, and of other Debauchery, have of late encreaſed, through neglect of putting in Execution the Lawes made againſt the ſame: All which we the Juſtices of the Peace for this Ryding, in the ſaid Quarter Sessions aſſembled, having ſeriously conſidered; and alſo her Majesties pious and earneſt Deſire for redreſſing the ſame, ſignified to us by the Judges of the laſt Aſſize, and being ſenſible that the ſevere Judgment of G O D have frequently fallen upon Nations and Places periſting in ſuch Impieties: Do, to diſcharge and acquit our ſelves of that great Duty, to which we ſtand ſolemnly obliged by our Oaths, unanimouſly reſolve and declare that we will put all the Lawes in execution, againſt all Prophanation of the Lords-day commonly called Sunday, by People (a) Travelling, (b) Selling or expoſing any thing to Sale, or by (c) Exercise of their ordinary Callings, or by other Employments or (d) Sports, or by (e) Tipling thereon, or any part thereof, and neglecting the Worſhip and Service of God: And alſo againſt all Profane Curſing and (f) Swearing, and the houſhold ſin of (g) Drunkenneſſe, whenſoever Practiſed or Committed, and againſt all Houſes, of (h) Debauchery and evil Fame, or where any kind (i) of unlawful Games is uſed or practiſed and againſt all (k) Perſons uſing or frequenting the ſame. It is therefore ordered by this Court, that all High Conſtables, Petty Conſtables, Church-Wardens and other Officers, whom this may concern, doe their parts diligently and carefully for putting the ſaid Lawes reſpectively in execution againſt Offenders thereof; and that as well on any other day, as on the Lords-day they be careful to ſearch for all Perſons that ſhall continue (e) Tipling in Taverns; Ale-houſes, and ſuch like places; and that they call both them and the Maſters of the ſaid Houſes; and all other Offenders againſt any of the ſaid Lawes to be convicted, and to undergoe the Penalties by the ſaid Lawes appointed and ordained for ſuch Offences; and that they give an Account of their proceedings herein, at each petty Sessions; and General Quarter Sessions for this Ryding. And it is hereby alſo Ordered and declared, that if any of the ſaid Officers ſhall be vexed or moleſted, in and for their juſt and lawful Execution of their reſpective Duties herein, they ſhall be maintained and vindicated by the Juſtices of the Peace, and the Offenders proſecuted and puniſhed according to Law. But in caſe any of the ſaid Officers ſhall reſuſe or neglect to do their reſpective duties; that then the penalties appointed by the ſeveral Lawes and Statutes ſhall be ſeverely inflicted upon them. And ſo much as it is the common duty of all good Subjects to endeavour, by timely and impartial information, that the Lawes be effectually executed againſt the aforeſaid, and all other Sins and Vices: And alſo that all ſuch Officers of Juſtice as ſhall be guilty of any of the ſaid Offences, or ſhall reſuſe or neglect to do their Duty, in making ſearch for, or bringing to due puniſhment ſuch Offenders ſuch; may themſelves be duly puniſhed for example to others; it is therefore by this Court recommended to all, who have any ſenſe, either of the Honour of God, or of the good of their Country, that they would in their ſeveral Stations, give due informations againſt the Offenders before mentioned: And alſo againſt all Perſons, who ſhall by evil practices deter, affright or threaten, of otherwiſe diſcourage or hinder them in their proſecuting the ſame; in which we will give them ſuch encouragement, as the Law directs.

And whereas divers good and neceſſary Lawes have been made and are now in force for the better preſervation of the Game of this Kingdom, notwithstanding which Lawes, or for want of the due execution thereof, the Game hath been very much diſtroyed by many diſorderly and mean Perſons, who thereby do neglect their Lawful employments, and betake themſelves to Robberies, Sabbath-breaking and other like offences: For Remedy whereof, We their Majesties Juſtices of the Peace do alſo reſolve and declare, that we will put all the Lawes in execution againſt the deſtroyers of the Game of this Kingdom: And doe therefore hereby further order and command all High Conſtables, petty Conſtables, and other Officers, whom this may concern, to do their parts diligently and carefully for putting the ſame Lawes in Execution, and particularly that they give an account at each petty Sessions and General Quarter Sessions for this Ryding of all unqualified Perſons within their ſeveral Diviſions and Conſtabletries, who ſhall have, keep or uſe, any Bowes, Guns, Grey-hounds, Setting-Dogs, Ferrets, Coney-Dogs, Hays, Lurchers, Netts, Tunnels, Hare-pipes, or any other Inſtruments whatſoever, for the taking or deſtroying of Game to the end that ſuch Perſons may be Proſecuted according to Law, and may forfeit and be ſubject to ſuch pains and Penalties as by the Lawes are directed to be inflicted upon ſuch Offenders; And that if upon their Monthly Searches they do find any Bowes, Guns, Grey-Hounds, Setting-Dogs, Ferrets, Coney-dogs, Hays, Lurchers, Netts, Tunnels, Hare-pipes, or any other Inſtruments whatſoever, for the taking or deſtroying of Game, in the poſſeſſion of any unqualified Perſons: They are hereby Ordered and Commanded to Seize the ſame and convey them, and the Perſons in whoſe Poſſeſſion they are found before the next Juſtice of the Peace, to be dealt withal according to Law.

And it is alſo ordered by this Court, that the Clerk of the Peace for this Ryding, do forthwith cauſe this order to be Printed and to be diſtributed to the ſeveral High Conſtables within this Ryding; who are Ordered by this Court forthwith to ſend the ſame to the ſeveral Petty Conſtables, Church-Wardens and Head-boroughs, within their ſeveral Diviſions; who are alſo Ordered by this Court to deliver the ſame to the Miniſters of their reſpective Pariſh Churches and Chappels to whom this Court doth recommend it, to be read by them, in their reſpective Pariſh Churches or Chappels immediately after Divine Service; and after ſuch reading thereof, the ſaid Petty Conſtables and Church-Wardens are hereby Ordered to affix the ſame upon the ſeveral Church-doors, and other publick Places, within their ſeveral Pariſhes, to the end publick Notice may be taken thereof.

Per Cur:

SHELTON, Cler. Pacis lhm.

- (a) Travelling of Drivers, &c. 20s. or Stocks 2 Months, 29 Car. 2.
- (b) Deſtroying of Goods expoſed to ſale, lhm.
- (c) Arriſers, &c. convicted by view of Juſtice, Confefſion, or one Witneſs, 5s. or Stocks 2 Months, lhm.
- (d) Sports, &c. convicted by view of Juſtice, Confefſion, or one Witneſs, 5s. 4d. or Stocks 2 Months 2 Car. 1. cap. 1.
- (e) Tipling upon any Day, convicted by View, Confefſion, or one Witneſs, 2s. 4d. or Stocks 2 Months 2 Jac. 1. cap. 9. 4 Jac. 1. cap. 5. & 21 Jac. 1. cap. 7.
- (f) Alehouſes convicted of ſuch Permiſſion too, 1. Jac. 2. cap. 2. And if convicted of Drunkenneſs diſabled to keep an Alehouſe for 3 years. 22. Jac. 1. cap. 1.
- (g) Swearing, &c. convicted before a Juſtice in his Juſtice, 12d. to be layed by Juſtice, if none, the Stock 3 hours for all above 12 years old: 4 Under 12, whipping. 22. Jac. 1. cap. 20.
- (h) Unqualified Perſons convicted by View, Confefſion or one Witneſs, 5s. or Stocks 2 Months 4 Jac. 1. cap. 3. For the ſame offence to be bound to their good behaviour. 22 Jac. 1. cap. 3.
- (i) Such Offenders to ſud Surtees for good behaviour; 16. diſtable and ſtable.
- (j) The Houſholder to forfeit 40s. 22. M. 2. cap. 9.
- (k) Reſcuers thereunto, 61. 2d. 4 Jac. 2. cap. 1. Confefſion, Servants, &c. 20s. lhm.